

**(b) Compliance with admission requirements**

The Counsel, the Deputy Counsel, or any designated Assistant Counsel or counsel specially retained by the Office shall be entitled, for the purpose of performing his functions under this chapter, to enter an appearance in any proceeding before any court of the United States or of a State or political subdivision thereof without compliance with any requirement for admission to practice before such court, except that the authorization conferred by this subsection shall not apply with respect to the admission of any such person to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

**(c) Standing to sue; jurisdiction**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to confer standing on any party seeking to bring, or jurisdiction on any court with respect to, any civil or criminal action against Congress, either House of Congress, a Member of Congress, a committee or subcommittee of a House of Congress, any office or agency of Congress, or any officer or employee of a House of Congress or any office or agency of Congress.

(Pub. L. 95-521, title VII, § 713, Oct. 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 1883.)

**§ 288m. Contingent fund**

The expenses of the Office shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate in accordance with section 68 of this title, and upon vouchers approved by the Counsel.

(Pub. L. 95-521, title VII, § 716, Oct. 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 1885.)

**§ 288n. Travel and related expenses**

Funds expended by the Senate Legal Counsel for travel and related expenses shall be subject to the same regulations and limitations (insofar as they are applicable) as those which the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration prescribes for application to travel and related expenses for which payment is authorized to be made from the contingent fund of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 98-51, title I, § 106, July 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 267.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1984, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1984, and not as part of title VII of Pub. L. 95-521 which in part comprises this chapter.

Section, as it relates to funds expended by the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, is classified to section 276b of this title.

**CHAPTER 10—CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**§ 291. Congressional declaration of purpose**

It is the purpose of this chapter to provide a classification system for the equitable establishment and adjustment of rates of compensation for, and for the efficient utilization of personnel in, certain positions under the House of Representatives to which this chapter applies, through—

(1) the creation and maintenance of orderly and equitable compensation relationships for such positions—

(A) in accordance with the principle of equal pay for substantially equal work, and

(B) with due regard to (i) differences in the levels of difficulty, responsibility, and qualification requirements of the work, (ii) the kind of work performed, (iii) satisfactory performance, and (iv) length of service;

(2) the application of appropriate position standards and position descriptions for such positions; and

(3) the adoption of organization and position titles in the House which accurately reflect the respective functions, duties, and responsibilities of those organizations and positions in the House to which this chapter applies.

(Pub. L. 88-652, § 2, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1079.)

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 88-652, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1079, known as the House Employees Position Classification Act, which enacted this chapter and amended sections 88c and 123b of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section 17 of Pub. L. 88-652 provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter and amending sections 88c and 123b of this title] shall become effective on January 1, 1965.”

**SHORT TITLE**

Section 1 of Pub. L. 88-652 provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter and amending sections 88c and 123b of this title] may be cited as the ‘House Employees Position Classification Act’.”

**SAVINGS PROVISION**

Section 15 of Pub. L. 88-652 provided that:

“(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act [this chapter], the aggregate (gross) rate of compensation of any employee immediately prior to the effective date of this Act [Jan. 1, 1965] shall not be reduced by reason of the enactment of this Act.

“(b) For the purposes of applicable law relating to the payment to any individual of compensation from more than one civilian office or position, each employee of the House to whom this Act applies who, immediately prior to the effective date of this Act—

“(1) is receiving basic compensation from more than one civilian office or position and

“(2) is in compliance with such law

shall be held and considered to be in compliance with such law on and after such effective date, notwithstanding the enactment of this Act, so long as such employee continues to receive, without break in service of more than thirty days, the same or lower rate of basic compensation in a position to which this Act does not apply.”

#### § 292. Positions affected

This chapter shall apply to—

(1) all positions under the Clerk, the Sergeant at Arms, the Chief Administrative Officer, and the Inspector General of the House of Representatives, except the positions of telephone operator and positions on the United States Capitol Police force;

(2) the position of minority pair clerk in the House;

(3) all positions under the House Recording Studio; and

(4) all positions under the House Radio and Television Correspondents’ Gallery and the House Periodical Press Gallery.

(Pub. L. 88–652, § 3, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1079; Pub. L. 104–53, title I, § 108(1), Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 522.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1995—Par. (1). Pub. L. 104–53 substituted “Chief Administrative Officer, and the Inspector General” for “Doorkeeper, and the Postmaster.”

#### § 293. Compensation schedules

(a)(1) The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives (hereinafter referred to as the “committee”) shall establish and maintain, and, from time to time, may revise, for positions to which this chapter applies (other than positions within the purview of subsection (b) of this section the compensation for which is fixed and adjusted from time to time in accordance with prevailing rates), a compensation schedule of per annum rates, which shall be known as the “House Employees Schedule” and for which the symbol shall be “HS”, subject to the following provisions:

(A) Such schedule shall be composed of such number of compensation levels as the committee deems appropriate.

(B) Each compensation level shall consist of twelve compensation steps.

(C) The per annum rate of compensation for each compensation step of each compensation level shall be in such amount as the committee deems appropriate, except that the per annum rate of compensation for the maximum compensation step of the highest compensation level shall not exceed the maximum rate of compensation authorized by chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5.

(2) The rates of compensation for such positions shall be in accordance with such schedule.

(b) The committee shall establish and maintain, and, from time to time, may revise, for positions under the Clerk, the Sergeant at Arms, the Chief Administrative Officer, and the Inspector General of the House of Representatives, the compensation for which, in the judgment of the committee, should be fixed and adjusted from time to time in accordance with prevailing rates, a compensation schedule providing for per

annum or per hour rates, or both, established in accordance with prevailing rates and consisting of such number of compensation levels and steps as the committee deems appropriate, which shall be known as the “House Wage Schedule” and for which the symbol shall be “HWS”. The rates of compensation for such positions shall be in accordance with such schedule. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, for purposes of applying the adjustment made by the committee under this subsection for 2002 and each succeeding year (other than any period during which a memorandum of understanding described in section 2168(a) of this title is in effect), positions under the Chief Administrative Officer shall include positions of the United States Capitol telephone exchange under the Chief Administrative Officer.

(Pub. L. 88–652, § 4, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1079; Pub. L. 104–53, title I, § 108(2), Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 522; Pub. L. 104–186, title II, § 209(1), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1743; Pub. L. 107–68, title III, § 310, Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 592; Pub. L. 108–447, div. G, title II, § 215(d), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3198.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108–447 in last sentence substituted “succeeding year (other than any period during which a memorandum of understanding described in section 2168(a) of this title is in effect),” for “succeeding year.”

2001—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107–68 inserted at end “Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, for purposes of applying the adjustment made by the committee under this subsection for 2002 and each succeeding year, positions under the Chief Administrative Officer shall include positions of the United States Capitol telephone exchange under the Chief Administrative Officer.”

1996—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 104–186 substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

1995—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104–53 substituted “Chief Administrative Officer, and the Inspector General” for “Doorkeeper, and the Postmaster.”

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108–447 applicable with respect to fiscal year 2005 and each succeeding fiscal year, see section 2168(f) of this title.

#### INCREASES IN COMPENSATION

Increases in compensation for House officers and employees under authority of Federal Salary Act of 1967 (Pub. L. 90–206), Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91–656), and Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1988 (Pub. L. 100–202), see sections 60a–2 and 60a–2a of this title, and Salary Directives of Speaker of the House, set out as notes under those sections.

#### §§ 293a to 293c. Omitted

Section 293a, Pub. L. 89–301, § 11(c), Oct. 29, 1965, 79 Stat. 1120, required compensation of employees of House of Representatives whose compensation is fixed under this chapter to be increased by amounts equal to increases provided by section 60e–12(a) of this title.

Section 293b, Pub. L. 89–504, title III, § 302(c), July 18, 1966, 80 Stat. 295, required compensation of employees